

Abstract

A device is provided for triggering a restraint means, the device being characterized in that it triggers a second airbag stage as a function of a criterion, derived from the acceleration signal, and the closing velocity. The criterion is, in particular, the deployment time for the first airbag stage. As a function of the deployment time of the first airbag stage and the closing velocity, classes are established which in turn define the deployment time for the second airbag stage.

(Figure 5)